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SUBJECT: SIR FRANK COOPER TO SUCCEED SIR MICHAEL CARY

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1. SIR FRANK COOPER, HEAD OF THE CIVIL SERVICE IN THE NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE, HAS BEEN CHOSEN TO SUCCEED SIR MICHAEL CARY (REFTEL) AS PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE AT THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. SIR FRANK, 53, FORMALLY RETURNS TO MOD AT THE END OF MARCH. HIS PLACE IN THE NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE IS BEING TAKEN BY BRIAN CUBBON, 47, CURRENTLY DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY FOR PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION IN THE HOME OFFICE UNDER ROY JENKINS.

2. SIR FRANK LEFT THE MOD IN 1970 FOR THE NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE AFTER 22 YEARS EXPERIENCE WITH DEFENSE MATTERS, ALMOST ALL OF IT WITH THE AIR MINISTRY. FROM 1968-70 HE WAS DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR POLICY AND PROGRAMS, A POST NOW HELD BY ARTHUR HOCKADAY.

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3. COOPER'S TRANSFER WILL PROBABLY DELAY ANY MOVE OF NORTHERN IRELAND SECRETARY MERLYN REES TO ANOTHER CABINET POST. REES RECENTLY TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE HAD NO PLANS OR DESIRE TO MOVE ON TO ANOTHER MINISTRY, DESPITE CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION THAT HE IS DUE FOR A SHIFT.

4. CONCERNING REFTTEL, A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR SIR MICHAEL WILL BE HELD AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND, AT NOON, APRIL 2.

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